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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

DAVID GEORGE LEPPARD ET AL.

APPLICATION NO: 09/856,769

FILED: MAY 24, 2001

FOR: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF

ACYLPHOSPHINES, ACYL OXIDES AND

ACYL SULFIDES

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PETITION UNDER RULE 1.47(a)

Dear Sir:

Applicants request that the USPTO permit acceptance of application filed by the other inventors in the above-identified patent application on behalf of an inventor that refuses to sign a declaration and power of attorney.

The named inventors are David George Leppard, Eugen Eichenger, Rene Kaeser, Gebhard Hug, and Urs Schwendimann. All of the named inventors have signed the declaration and power of attorney, except for Rene Kaeser.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee due under 37 CFR 1.17(h) and any other fee due, or credit any overcharge, as a result of this Petition to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.

The last known address of the non-signing inventor is:

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The above-identified patent application contains subject matter that was prepared by Kaeser during the term of his employment and using Ciba's resources. A copy of the final application was provided to Kaeser in May 2001.

Kaeser was contacted on multiple occasions in order to get the required signature. These efforts were unsuccessful. Kaeser still refuses to sign the required declaration and power of attorney.

Applicants submit that proof has been submitted that an inventor refuses to join in this application and has been provided with a copy of the application. The requisite facts and background are supported by an accompanying Declaration. Applicants further submit that a declaration has been submitted in response to a Notice of Missing Parts in which all of the named inventors, but for Kaeser, have signed. For these reasons, Applicants request that this petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) be granted and the application be forwarded for prosecution on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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